

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A method for validating a data stream comprising:

generating a unique validation key associated with the data stream, the unique validation

key to map the data stream with a source, wherein the unique validation key is

generated based on a combination of a uniform resource locator (URL) and an

encryption key;

generating the data stream;

storing the unique validation key;

embedding the unique validation key in the data stream to form a validation key

embedded data stream, wherein the validation key embedded data stream is to

ensure that the data stream includes content intended for an associated

destination; and

sending the validation key embedded data stream to ~~a~~ the associated destination.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the source ~~is any one of~~
comprises one or more of a source of audio information, a source of video information,
and a source of audio-video information and the URL.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the generating of the unique
validation key associated with the data stream comprises generating the unique validation
key in response to a request for data to be retrieved from the URL.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein generating the unique validation
key associated with the data stream, the unique validation key to map the data stream

with a source comprises generating the unique validation key and sending the unique validation key to the associated destination.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the data stream comprises ~~any~~ one of one or more of encoded video information, encoded audio information, encoded audio-video information, and encoded information from the URL.
36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, further comprising:
receiving the unique validation key at the associated destination; and
sampling the validation key embedded data stream in response to detecting the unique validation key in the validation key embedded data stream.
37. (Cancelled)
38. (Cancelled)
39. (Currently Amended) A method for validating a data stream comprising:
receiving a unique validation key associated with the data stream, the unique validation key to map the data stream with a source, wherein the unique validation key received is generated based on a combination of a uniform resource locator (URL) and an encryption key;
storing the unique validation key;
receiving the data stream;
sampling the data stream to detect the unique validation key embedded in the data stream, wherein the validation key embedded data stream is to ensure that the data stream includes content intended for an associated destination; and
validating the data stream in response to detecting the unique validation key embedded in the data stream.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein the source ~~is any one of~~ comprises one or more of a source of audio information, a source of video information, and a source of audio-video information and the URL.
41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising requesting data to be retrieved from the URL.
42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, further comprising generating an error if the unique validation key is not detected in the data stream.
43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, further comprising:
creating a log file; and
writing the error to the log file.
44. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a database;
a server coupled with the database, the server having
a processor, and
a memory coupled with the processor, the memory including
a key generation module (KGM) to generate a unique validation key associated
with a data stream, the unique validation key to map the data stream with a
source, wherein the unique validation key is generated based on a
combination of a uniform resource locator (URL) and an encryption key,
and
an encoder to embed the unique validation key in the data stream to form a
validation key embedded data stream, wherein the validation key

embedded data stream is to ensure that the data stream includes content intended for an associated destination;

the database to store the unique validation key; and

the server to send the validation key embedded data stream to ~~a~~ the associated destination.

45. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 44, wherein the source ~~is any one of~~ comprises one or more of a source of audio information, a source of video information, and a source of audio-video information, and the URL.
46. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the encoder encodes ~~any one of~~ one or more of audio information, video information, and the URL.
47. (Cancelled)
48. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 46, wherein the server sends the unique validation key to the associated destination in response to receiving a request for data to be retrieved from the URL.
49. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:
a key generation module (KGM) to generate a unique validation key associated with a data stream, the unique validation key to map the data stream with a source, wherein the unique validation key is generated based on a combination of a uniform resource locator (URL) and an encryption key;
an encoder coupled with the KGM to embed the unique validation key in the data stream to form a validation key embedded stream, wherein the validation key embedded data stream is to ensure that the data stream includes content intended for an associated client;

- a the associated client to receive the validation key embedded stream; and
- a database coupled with the associated client to store the unique validation key.
50. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 49, wherein the source ~~is any one of~~ comprises one or more of a source of audio information, a source of video information, and a source of audio-video information and the URL.
51. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 50, wherein the associated client requests data to be retrieved from the URL.
52. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 49, wherein the associated client generates an error if the unique validation key is not detected in the data stream.
53. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 52, wherein a server creates a log file and writes the error to the log file.
- 54-57. (Cancelled)
58. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon data representing sets of instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:
- generate a unique validation key associated with a data stream, the unique validation key
- to map the data stream with a source, wherein the unique validation key is
- generated based on a combination of a uniform resource locator (URL) and an
- encryption key;
- generate the data stream;
- store the unique validation key;

embed the unique validation key in the data stream to form a validation key embedded
data stream, wherein the validation key embedded data stream is to ensure that the
data stream includes content intended for an associated destination; and
send the validation key embedded data stream to a the associated destination.

59. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 58, wherein the sets of instructions when executed by the machine, further cause the machine to sample the data stream to detect the unique validation key embedded in the data stream.
60. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 58, wherein the sets of instructions when executed by the machine, further cause the machine to generate the data stream, wherein the source is ~~any of~~ one or more of audio information, video information, and ~~or an~~ audio-video information.